

AGENDA

SPECIAL MEETING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, HEALTH AND TRAFFIC

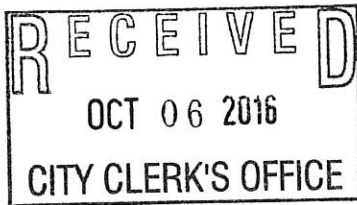
October 11, 2016

**Aldermen Katsiantonis, O'Neil,
Long, Barry, Gamache**

5:00 p.m.

**Aldermanic Chambers
City Hall (3rd Floor)**

1. Chairman Katsiantonis calls the meeting to order.
2. The Clerk calls the roll.
3. Discussion regarding traffic concerns on President Road.
Gentlemen, what is your pleasure?
4. If there is no further business, a motion is in order to adjourn.



45 Randall St.
Manchester, NH
October 6, 2016

Members of the Public Safety and Traffic Committee:
Honorable Colleagues of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen:

My proposal for the traffic issue on President Rd and surrounding streets and neighborhoods is to leave Beech Hill area 2-way, leave Sewall and Gold Sts gated (due to width of their streets and the danger high volumes of traffic would pose), leave Connecting Road area 2-way and **MAKE PRESIDENT RD ONE WAY WEST.**

This compromise is agreeable to the majority of residents and businesses. It still allows for east-west access within the five street area while preventing a large amount of traffic to be shifted to yet another neighborhood.

I have worked on, studied, analyzed, lived with, and discussed these traffic issues with residents for seven years now. There is never going to be a "perfect" traffic solution in this area until the city finds a way to develop a commercial access to S. Willow Street that does not impede on residential streets. Several possible solutions have been suggested but none study, are costly, and long term. That's a subject for another day. Traffic has increased greatly due to more residents, more cars in the city, and several new businesses off S. Willow with more to come.

Adding another gate at this time would make a large impact on two other areas, according to data released by our traffic division, which just creates additional problems. By making President Rd. one way west we could relieve those residents from commercial truck traffic coming off the highway, cut out a large amount of other vehicle traffic from their road, and get a good estimation through further study just where that excluded traffic does and would go and what impact an additional gate would have on S. Beech Street, Brown Ave, Beech Hill, and Connecting Rd area. (additional five smaller streets off Connecting Rd).

This traffic pattern change would take minimal time to implement and, as I stated, is agreeable to the majority. I cannot express how deeply I feel about this compromise plan and its importance to about 2500 residents who will be directly affected.

I respectfully ask for your support and accept this compromise plan.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Barbara Shaw".

Barbara Shaw
Alderman-Ward 9



1 Mack Avenue • PO Box 4640 • Manchester, NH 03108

Date: October 3, 2016

To: Manchester Board of Mayor and Aldermen

Subject: Proposed gating of Frontage Rd./President Rd

I am writing on behalf of the 500 employees and approximately 200 Manchester residents employed by E&R Laundry, Ryder Truck Leasing, McDevitt Trucks, Inc., Prestige Auto Body and Quirk Auto Group. All of these employers operate on Ross Ave. / Frontage Rd. and will be badly damaged by the gating of this vital access to our businesses. We respectfully request that the Manchester Board of Mayor and Alderman consider the following:

- Area businesses have lived in relative harmony with our South End neighbors for more than 40 years. During this period we have witnessed the failure of our road network to keep up with the areas growth and development. Poor planning and a failure to invest in road improvements have created a morass of failed intersections and overburdened roads.
- Almost all employee and customer passenger vehicle traffic use President Rd. to access the Frontage Rd. /Ross Ave businesses. They have learned to avoid the overburdened South Willow St corridor at all costs.
- Gating or making President Rd. one way will force all of our employee and customer traffic to run the South Willow St. gauntlet and will damage our business irreparably. We have competition and our customers have choices. They chose to avoid South Willow St. today. Gating or making President Rd one way will force our customers to go elsewhere.
- President Rd. was originally designed and built to serve this Industrial zone. This was a very important investment consideration for many of the employers that bought land and operate here today.
- President Rd. was designed to accommodate truck traffic and did for many years. As new homes were built this truck traffic became an issue and the City posted the street "No Trucks Allowed". Area businesses did not protest. South Willow St. was not a problem at that time and good relations with our neighbors came first.
- The "posting" of President Rd. created an unsafe condition. Trucks are faced with what is essentially a DEAD END. They are forced with no prior warning to turn around without access to a hammerhead or cul- de- sac. In fact they are forced to violate Manchester Traffic Ordinance 70.18 and then enter private property to get out of trouble. This situation exists today. Adding a gate to the

mix will exacerbate the difficult maneuvers required to get a big rig turned around.

- Today's GPS systems will not recognize this gate and unfamiliar drivers will be directed to a DEAD END. This proposed gate will force passenger vehicles to mix with tractor trailer trucks in making this illegal turn and then backing on to private property. If this should happen during an emergency call the results could be disastrous.
- Gating President Rd. or making it One Way will have a significant impact on area business property values and will create a number of tax abatement applications at a time when the City can least afford it.

In 1972 my father Jack McDevitt was tasked with the responsibility for relocating the Mack Truck dealership located on Elm St to a new and updated facility. He worked with both Mayors Richard Stanton and Silvio Dupuis to relocate the business to Frontage Rd. He had good choices in Londonderry as well as Manchester. Ultimately he chose Manchester based upon the support offered by both Mayors and the access that was available from President Rd. Some may recall that Mack Ave. was renamed by the Manchester Board of Mayor and Aldermen in recognition of my father's decision.

We respectfully request that the Board of Mayor and Alderman keep our vital access to President Rd. open, ungated and with two way traffic

Sincerely,
McDevitt Trucks, Inc.

Kevin McDevitt

**President Rd / Gold St / Sewall St / Bradley St / Connecting Road
Traffic Projections Summary**

	Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission Average Daily Traffic Volumes			Projected Traffic Volumes			
<u>Street</u>	<u>Pre-Walmart (April 2015)</u>	<u>Post-Walmart (June 2016)</u>	<u>Gate Relocation (Sept 2016)</u>	<u>Alternative # 1 (One-Way President Road)</u>	<u>Alternative # 2 (Gate President Road)</u>	<u>Alternative # 3 (Open all Gates)</u>	<u>Alternative # 4 (One-Way Gold St./ Sewall St./President Rd)</u>
Bradley Street	2930	1340	3535	3885	4245	3030	3030
Gold Street	5625	(-)*	550	550	550	5735	4190
Sewall Street	495	690	555	555	555	555	2255
President Road	1675	4980	4035	2020	500	2375	2020
Connecting Road	1300	1500	1460	2520	3110	1460	1660

*Data not collected by Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission

Average Daily Weekday Traffic Volumes

xx- Pre-Walmart (April 2015)

(xx)- Post-Walmart (June 2016)

[xx]- Post-Gold St Gate Relocation (Sept 2016)

{xx}- Alternative 1- One-Way President Rd WB (PROJECTED)



Average Daily Weekday Traffic Volumes

xx- Pre-Walmart (April 2015)

(xx)- Post-Walmart (June 2016)

[xx]- Post Gold St Gate Relocation (Sept 2016)

{xx}- Alternative 2- Gate President Rd (PROJECTED)



Average Daily Weekday Traffic Volumes

xx- Pre-Walmart (April 2015)

(xx)- Post-Walmart (June 2016)

[xx]- Post Gold St Gate Relocation (Sept 2016)

{xx}- Alternative 3- Open All Gates (PROJECTED)



Average Daily Weekday Traffic Volumes

xx- Pre-Walmart (April 2015)

(xx)- Post-Walmart (June 2016)

[xx]- Post Gold St Gate Relocation (Sept 2016)

**{xx}- Alternative 4- One-Way Gold St / Sewall St /
President Rd (PROJECTED)**

